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1. SUMMARY: MEDIA CAMPAIGN DEVOTED TO ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY HAS REACHED HIGH PITCH FOLLOWING REZHNEV'S PRONOUNCEMENTS ON SUBJECT IN ALMA-ATA SPEECH LAST WEEK (REF A). LIST OF PRINCIPLES WHICH COULD FORM BASIS OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM HAS BEEN EXPANDED AND ARGUMENTS AGAINST OPPONENTS -- ESPECIALLY PRC -- ARE FORCEFULLY ELABORATED. EFFORT IS UNDERWAY TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT IN ASIA, WITH NEXT MAJOR TARGETS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS INDIA AND JAPAN. END SUMMARY.

2. HEAVY TELEVISION EXPOSURE OF AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTARY ON ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY BY PRAVDA'S CHIEF ORIENTALIST (REF B) HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY VOLUMINOUS PRESS DISCUSSION PEGGED TO BREZHNEV' AUGUST 15 ALMA-ATA SPEECH. COVERAGE INCLUDES FRONT-PAGE PRAVDA EDITORIAL AUGUST 24, DETAILED ARTICLE IN CURRENT ISSUE (NO. 34) OF INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY "NEW TIMES," AND COMMENTARY IN SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA AUGUST 24.

3. ALTHOUGH PRIME INSPIRATION FOR CURRENT WAVE OF PROPAGANDA IS BREZHNEV SPEECH, ALL THREE PRESS PIECES SET FORTH UPDATED LIST OF PRINCIPLES -- SOMETHING BREZHNEV AVOIDED IN ALMA ATA BY ALLUDING IN A GENERAL WAY TO BANDUNG PRINCIPLES. LIST INCORPORATES PRINCIPLES ESPOUSED BY BREZHNEV IN PAST (CF. HIS MARCH 1972 TRADE UNION SPEECH) AS WELL AS MORE RECENT ONES PROPOSED BY KOSYGIN IN BANQUET SPEECH FOR VISITING IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER ON AUGUST 6. FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, THEY ARE (AS LISTED IN PRAVDA EDITORIAL):

RENUNCIATION OF FORCE;

RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS;

NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS;

ECONOMIC AND OTHER COOPERATION ON BASIS OF FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT;

SELF-DETERMINATION (RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO DETERMINE ITS OWN FATE);

IMPERMISSIBILITY OF TERRITORIAL ACQUISITION BY AGGRESSION;

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES;

RIGHT OF EACH NATION TO SOVEREIGN OWNERSHIP OF
ITS NATURAL RESOURCES;

ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SOCIEAL-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS.

4. COMMENTARIES, LIKE BREZHNEV, SINGLE OUT INDIA AND JAPAN AS KEY COUNTRIES FOR SUCCESS OF JOINT EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE IN ASIA, THE PROFESSED GOAL OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY. EXAMPLE OF EUROPE (CSCE) IS CITED, ALBEIT WITH DUE RECOGNITION FOR MORE COMPLEX SITUATION IN ASIA. NEW TIMES COMMENTATOR VOLSKIY ALSO MENTIONS ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, ALTHOUGH HE IS QUICK TO ADD THAT ASIA SHOULD NOT COPY THE ORGANIZATION, BUT MERELY EMULATE THE JOINT APPROACH EMBODIED IN OAU.

5. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE COIN, NEW TIMES AND SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA ADDUCE EVIDENCE OF WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN ASIA FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY IDEA, BOTH AMONG OFFICIALS AND IN GENERAL PUBLIC. VARIOUSLY CITED AS FAVORING THE IDEA ARE MPR PREMIER TSEDENBAL, CONGRESS PARTY CHAIRMAN SHARMA, NEPALESE AGRICULTURE MINISTER BASNYAT, SOVIET-IRANIAN COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING HOVEYDA VISIT, 26 DELEGATIONS AT DACCA ASIA CONFERENCE FOR PEACE, AND UNNAMED PRESS NA DOFFICIAL CIRCLES IN JAPAN, AFGHANISTAN AND MALAYSIA. MOREOVER, SIVIET PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 24 THAT WORKING GROUP ON ASIAN SECURITY IS COMPLETING PREPARATIONS ON THIS TOPIC FOR FORTHCOMING MOSCOW CONGRESS OF PEACELOVING FORCES, A MAJOR PROPAGANDA SPECTACLE SLATED FOR OCTOBER.

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6. NEGATIVE VIEWS ARE ASCRIBED TO IMPERIALISTIC AND HEGEMONISTIC FORCES. THE IMPERIALISTS INCLUDE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF THE WEST, NEO-COLONIAL MONOPOLIES, ZIONISTS, BRITISH PRESS (WHICH HAD TEMERITY TO ACCUSE SOVIETS OF FOSTERING COUP IN ONE ASIAN COUNTRY) AND JOE ALSOP. THE HEGEMONISTS ARE, OF COURSE, CHINESE.

7. TREATMENT OF CHINESE ATTITUDE FOLLOWS TWO-PRONGED THRUST. ON THE ONE HAND, BREZHNEV'S CATEGORICAL STATEMENT THAT EVERY ASIAN COUNTRY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN WORKING OUT COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM IS GIVEN HEAVY EMPHASIS IN EFFORT TO NEUTRALIZE CHARGE THAT MOSCOW AIMS AT ISOLATION OF PEKING. ON OTHER HAND, CHINESE ADHERENCE TO BANDUNG PRINCIPLES (REF B) AND SINO-SOVIET JOINT

STATEMENT OF JANUARY 18, 1957 (SIGNED BY CHOU EN-LAI)
ARE TROTTED OUT TO SHOW THAT CHINESE ARE IN FACT ON
RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND THE CONCEPT.

8. NEW BURST OF ENERGY IN PROMOTING ASIAN SECURITY
SCHEME SERVES SEVERAL SOVIET TACTICAL PURPOSES, ONE OF
WHICH IS PROBABLY TO GET INDIA AND JAPAN ON BOARD
DURING BREZHNEV SUMMIT MEETINGS THIS FALL. ANOTHER IS
PERHAPS TO DEMONSTRATE SUCCESS OF SOVIET DETENTE
APPROACH IN PEKING'S BACKYARD, WHICH WOULD FIT NICELY
INTO WORLD COMMUNIST CONFERENCE THAT MAY BE IN STORE
FOR 1974. WHETHER AND HOW SOON MOSCOW IS PERPARED
TO PRESS FOR ASIAN EQUIVALENT OF CSCE IS NOT CLEAR,
HOWEVER. CHINESE EMBOFF HERE EXPERSSED SCORNFUL VIEW
OF SOVIET ORCHESTRATION THUS FAR, POINTING OUT THAT
EVEN IRANIANS HAD BACKTRACKED BETWEEN MARCH AND
AUGUST. WITHOUT PEKING' SUPPORT, HE IMPLIED,
SOVIET EFORITS WOULD AMOUNT TO LITTLE MORE THAN HOT
AIR.
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